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ARMA-1

Fall 1905

AUSTRIA CAPTURES WARSAW AND HOLDS ONTO SEVASTOPOL! TURKS AND
AUSTRIANS TRADE CONTROL OF BULGARIA AND TRIESTE! FRANCE COLLAPSES.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE (Reinsel): F Naples-Ionian Sea; A Rome-Venice;
A Trieste-Serbia; A Serbia-Bulgaria; A Rumania (S) A Serbia-Bulgaria;
A Galicia (S) A Ukraina-Warsaw; A Ukraina-Warsaw; A Sevastopol-Moscow.

BRITISH EMPIRE (Dygert): F Belgium-North Sea; F Sweden stands;
A Brest-Paris; A Picardy (S) A Brest-Paris; A Norway-St Petersburg;
A Moscow (S) A Warsaw; A Warsaw (S) A Moscow; F English Channel-
Mid Atlantic Ocean; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic Ocean.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE (Curtiss): Encore! Pas d'ordres! A Gascony
stands. F Marseilles and A Paris are both dislodged and annihilated.
France is off the board.

GERMANY? (Johnson): No orders received. F Baltic and A Denmark stand.
F Holland is dislodged and annihilated.

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (Tzudiker): A Kiel-Holland; A Ruhr (S) A Kiel-Holland;
F Spain (s.c.) (S) A Burgundy-Marseilles; A Burgundy-Marseilles;
F Tunis stands.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE (Brannan): A Albania-Trieste; F Adriatic (S) A Albania-
Trieste; A Greece-Serbia; A Bulgaria-Rumania; A Armenia-Sevastopol;
F Ionian Sea-Naples.

Underlined moves fail. The civil governments of France and Germany remained in collapse, and their dislodged forces were removed from play. The Austrian A Trieste, the English A Warsaw, and the Turkish A Bulgaria must all retreat. Winter builds and removals may be made conditional on the direction of these retreats.

All players please note Charles Brannan's new address:
3044 A Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, California 94705.

Winter retreats and builds are due on or before THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY
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A supply center count follows on the next page.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT:

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Nap, Rom, Ven, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, War (10) Builds 2.
ENGLAND: Lon, Liv, Edi, Swe, Nor, St Pet, Mos, Bel, Par, Bre (10) Builds
FRANCE: (0) Off the board. one.
GERMANY: Den (1) Must remove one.
ITALY: Ber, Mun, Kie, Hol, Mar, Por, Spa, Tun (8) No place to build!
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Gre, Tri (5) Must remove one.

PRESS RELEASES:

PARIS: Peace and order today were restored to the French capital for the first time since 1902. The approach of the British army caused the overthrow of the government of Premier Red Louis. Red Louis gained international repute through his reorganization of the French armed forces along lines consistent with Marxist doctrine. Accordingly, rank and pay were abolished, and, strangely enough, the French armed forces ceased to exist. Even more strangely, certain Devil-inspired foreign invaders, tools of the High Finance-Military clique, invaded peace-loving France. Dirty imperialistic scum of the earth! Even though the French General Staff predicted exactly this result, Red Louis could not be dissuaded. He removed all members of the General Staff and had them go through intensive "thought reorientation" to rid them of their bourgeois misconceptions. "Stuff it!" he cried in the face of all opposition. At last report, a mob of angry Parisians was beating the stuffing out of a certain former-premier. Sic transit gloria mundi.

TUNIS: Her Royal Majesty E. Barbara Phillip introduced her protegee Sarah F. Allen to the legislature-in-exile assembled in Tunis. "Loyal and Devoted subjects, in this, the blackest hour of nations' history, hope still exists that we may yet return to our native land and once again live in honor and peace in the community of nations. My new Foreign Minister, Sarah F. Allen, is young but wise, a female in a man's profession, but she has the skill and understanding required to carry out her mission. We shall send her to Ankara and implore the vizier to take immediate action against the bloody Magyar who will envelope humanity in blood and Darkness till God himself will renounce the creation of His will and cause the destruction of mankind. Annihilate the Magyar and He will bless us with peace from Everlasting to Everlasting."

ANKARA: Does she have any of Lucrezia's qualifications?

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AN OPEN AND IRRATE LETTER TO ANDERS B. SWENSON:

Dear Andy,

I happen to know that you published Miskatonic University #18 last Monday. Why have I not received a copy? After all, that only happens to be the issue in which I won 1966 AP! I really would like to see it. I know that is a terribly unreasonable request, but do you think you could manage for the sake of friendship (if not for the fact that I put out all those issues for you when you were holed up at Ord)? Yes, five cents plus the cost of an envelope is quite a bit of money!

/s/ Charles M. Turner

ARMA-2

Spring 1903

ITALIAN CRUSADERS ROUTED: POPE WETS PANTS! AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA BOTH CONFIDENT OF VICTORY. GERMAN OFFENSIVE RECAPTURES MUNICH!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fletcher): A Trieste stands; A Vienna stands;
A Rumania stands; A Serbia stands; F Greece stands; A Budapest stands.

ENGLAND (Powlesland and Maddux): F Norwegian Sea (S) F North Sea;
F Helgoland Bight (S) F North Sea; F North Sea licks its wounds.

FRANCE (Nelson): A Belgium (S) A Burgundy-Ruhr; A Munich (S) A Burgundy-Ruhr; A Paris-Burgundy; A Burgundy-Ruhr; A Picardy (S) A Belgium;
F Brest-English Channel; F Portugal stands.

GERMANY (Celestre): A Berlin-Munich; A Kiel (S) A Berlin-Munich;
A Holland-Ruhr; F Denmark (S) RUSSIAN F Skagerrak-North Sea.

ITALY (Brannan): A Syria-Smyrna; F Ionian Sea-Aegean Sea; F Eastern Mediterranean (S) F Ionian Sea-Aegean Sea; A Tyrolia-Munich.

RUSSIA (Johnson): F Norway stands; A Ukraina stands; F Black Sea stands;
F Sevastopol stands; F Skagerrak stands; A Sweden stands.

TURKEY (Alexander): F Bulgaria (s.c.)-Constantinople; F Constantinople-Ankara; F Smyrna-Syria; A Armenia (S) F Smyrna-Syria.

Underlined moves fail. The Italian A Syria is dislodged and is annihilated for lack of a province to retreat to. The French A Munich is dislodged and may retreat to Silesia or Bohemia. Fall 1903 moves may be made conditional on the direction of this retreat. The Fall moves will be due (receipt deadline) THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 1966 c/o J.U. DYGERT, 2090 Blackwood Dr, Walnut Creek, California 94596.

Charles Brannan's (Italy) new address: 3044 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, California 94705.

PRESS RELEASES:

WHITEHALL: The Question on everyone's lips is - "What has happened to the British army?" The British First Army, recently stationed in York, has mysteriously disappeared. ((The European Concertmaster ate it for breakfast!)) Rumors have been flying concerning a possible secret mission, or a military coup attempt. Authorities have only presented the rather cryptic explanation that a group of Peace Fanatics (Special Committee to Remedy Epilepsy and War) had, during a talk-in demonstration, succeeded in tying up the army's transportation routes.

LONDON: P.M. Maddux was abruptly awakened this morning by a suspicious-looking thunderbolt, which completely split his bedroom in half. It bore this short message: "First you must catch me....." The only explanation Maddux could offer was that it was some sort of a Communist trick, which they hoped would scare him.

MT. OLYMPUS: Everyone knows that no Communists live here! Just us gods.

CANTERBURY: Foreign Minister Powlesland, the new Archbishop, threatened today to have the European Concertmaster (a known heretic) excommunicated--or maybe it's "cashiered."

OLYMPUS: A heretic indeed! Bow down before the image of the Great God DGRT! Just for that---ZOT!

LONDON: Meteorologists are at a loss to explain the tremendous thunderstorm which appeared out of nowhere today.

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ARMA-3

TEAM GAME

Spring 1902

SEATTLE:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beyerlein): A Tyrolia-Vienna; A Budapest-Trieste;
A Serbia (S) A Budapest-Trieste; F Greece-Ionian Sea.

FRANCE (Shagrin): A Paris-Burgundy; A Spain-Marseilles; F Brest-
English Channel; F Mid Atlantic-Irish Sea.

LTA:

ENGLAND (Dygert): F English Channel-Brest; F Liverpool-Irish Sea;
A Belgium (S) GERMAN A Munich-Burgundy; F North Sea-Norway.

GERMANY (Johnson): A Kiel-Munich; A Berlin-Silesia; A Munich-Burgundy;
F Denmark-Baltic Sea.

ITALY (Bailey): A Trieste-Budapest; A Venice-Piedmont; A Rome-
Venice; F Tunis-Western Mediterranean Sea; F Naples-Ionian Sea.

All of those underlined moves fail. The Italian A Trieste is dislodged and must retreat either Albania or Tyrolia. The Seattle players may make their Fall moves conditional on the direction of this retreat. The Fall 1902 moves must be received on or before THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1967 c/o C. Turner, 843 Santa Fe, Albany, Calif. 94706.

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ARMA-4

OMNIBUS

Winter 1914

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): Build A Vienna.

ENGLAND (Alexander): Build F Cairo and F Edinburgh.

FRANCE (Powlesland): Build A Paris, A Orleans, A Lyon, and F Brest.

GERMANY (Celestre): Build A Cologne and A Berlin.

ITALY (Long): Build A Venice.

RUSSIA (Brannan): Build F Riga.

TURKEY (Schow): Build F Smyrna and A Constantinople.

Note that England was entitled to build two instead of one as noted in last issue (we neglected to note their possession of Portugal. The receipt deadline for Spring 1915 orders is THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1967 c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Dr, Walnut Creek, California 94596.

PRESS RELEASES:

MOSCOW: "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant."

-----Jeremiah 51

The Black Sea is Russian water. We have little enough of it and it keeps the abominable snowmen off our backs. If Turkey continues to interfere with the Russian Navy in the Black Sea, Turkey will find itself in a Terrible War! We have spoken.

BERLIN: The unrest caused by certain German moves west of the Rhine River which had previously caused riots among the populace as far away as Pomerania due to fear of French reprisals has been settled due to the French announcement they will not declare war on Germany.

The German People as well as peace loving people everywhere thank you. Remember you continue your non-violent resistance to Germany because God is on your side.

VERSALLYS (!!): Premier Clemency announced today that the invasion of Lorraine and Ardenne provinces "shed a somewhat different light on the previous invasion of Belgium." He also stated that the Military had been preparing for this eventuality for some time, and that a declaration of War would be formally issued as soon as someone could find the special Declaration of War Form, which had been filed away sometime during the last administration.

DEUXIEME BUREAU: Authorities discovered today that the Special Declaration of War Form had been stolen by German spies. The latter, it was learned, made off with the precious document, while disguised as Franz-Josef and entourage, touring France in a fleet of Air-Dirigibles.

ROME: (December 1914): I'M afraid the word has gotten out about Lucrezia. No matter what Zoltan II says, he cannot change Lucrezia for what she is.

ROME: Austria-Hungary is a complete farce!

BUDAPEST: That's why we made it the Hungarian Empire, baby!

VENICE (December 1914): Her Empress Lucrezia was exiled to her sanctuary in Hungary following a number of incidents in the Papal home. May Zoltan the Blind keep her until he falls over.

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ARMA-5

Spring 1901

BLACK SEA CLASH THE ONLY CONFLICT AS ALL OF EUROPE MOBILIZES!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Pendergrass): F Trieste-Albania; A Budapest-Serbia;
A Vienna-Budapest.

ENGLAND (Tzudiker): F Edinburgh-Norwegian Sea; F London-North Sea;
A Liverpool-Edinburgh.

FRANCE (Alexander): A Paris-Burgundy; A Marseilles-Spain;
F Brest-Mid Atlantic Ocean.

GERMANY (Peery): A Berlin-Kiel; F Kiel-Holland; A Munich-Ruhr.

ITALY (Swenson): A Venice-Tyrolia; A Rome-Vencie; F Naples-Ionian Sea.

RUSSIA (Leitch): F Sevastopol-Black Sea; F St. Petersburg (s.c.)-
Gulf of Bothnia; A Moscow-Sevastopol; A Warsaw-Ukraine.

TURKEY (Willard): F Ankara-Black Sea; A Constantinople-Bulgaria;
A Smyrna-Constantinople.

Underlined moves fail. The Fall 1901 moves will be due on or before
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1967 c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Dr,
Walnut Creek, California 94596. That's a receipt deadline.

Change Paul Leitch's address to: Apt #1, 5 Colonial Village Drive,
Arlington, Mass. 02174.

AND THE PRESS RELEASES:

ROME: Speaking from the steps to the entrance to the Roman Catacombs, Baron Münchhausen, Foreign Minister of Italy, announced the formation of I.P.A. (the Independent Republic of Austrians), a move intended to wrest control of the Empire from the Hungarians and Croats, and restore the Empire to the greater Germanic peoples ((like the Italians???)
As a first step, the Roman government has dissolved the nation of Italy in favor of the formation of a revived Holy Roman Empire.

BERLIN: After a four week deadlock the Reichstag was rocked tonight by an announcement that Germany's two major parties: the GBDC, the German Beer Drinkers Confederation and GBML, German Beer Makers League had ended four centuries of bitter rivalries and formed a coalition government. The only other party in the Reichstag, the ALL, Anti-Liquor League, which had scored impressive gains in the last general election, announced that it would reject an offered seat in the new Government and, instead, would assume the role of minority party in the new Reichstag (indeed it would, the Party has only eleven out of six hundred and thirty seats). ALL's Leader, T. Pot delivered a bombastic speech to an empty Reichstag (the coalition parties members were down at the local beer garden sampling items in the new budget) condemning the beer makers and beer drinkers. In a joint communique R. Rotgut and P. Schlitz, new leaders of the coalition, announced that eighty-two percent of the Government's budget would go toward carrying out their pledge of "A Tapper in every refrigerator!"

In the area of foreign affairs Schlitz, who holds the Foreign Ministry Portfolio (as well as the recipes for Germany's secret weapon--instant rotgut), announced that the Reich (numberless since numbered empires and republics, as well as reichs were old-fashioned) would try to remain neutral in the present crisis. Schlitz especially hoped that England's leaders would hold no grudges for what had happened elsewhere (like in ADAG 66-0).

ALBANY, CALIF: I'll tell you someone else who isn't going to forget a certain backstab...

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In your editor's correspondence with Rod Walker (Erehwon), he asked Walker to criticize the following argument:

1. The rules state that two units may never exchange "spaces."
2. The Brannan Rule states that a convoyed attack is interpreted as coming from the last fleet in a convoy chain.
3. Thus, under this principle, the moves A Hol-Bel and A Bel-Hol (via North Sea convoy) succeed. The two pieces end up exchanging spaces.
4. Therefore, the Brannan Rule is not perfectly consistent with the rules.

Walker's Reply: I agree with your logic on the Brannan Rule, so far as it goes. However, there are some things which cannot be reconciled strictly by a literal reading of the Rules. Calhamer states he would

allow the Coastal Crawl. I think, therefore, we must place some sort of interpretation of the word "space" in talking about movement of units. This is what I have done, essentially, when I speak of units "moving through each other." The move A Mun-Boh, A Boh-Mun is illegal, we agree. Each is ordered to move to the space occupied by the other. Now, what does that mean? I think it means that, if we consider each move as a flow of movement, in mid-move, the two units are crossing the mutual borders of their provinces and "moving through each other," or we may say, "each has moved into the space occupied by the other." That is, "space" is not a province, but the physical location of the unit. Now, take the move A Bel-Hol, A Hol-Bel (C) by F North Sea. At mid-move, the A Hol is seaborne, along the coast, but the A Bel is now at the Belgium/Holland border. They are not moving into each other's spaces, because each has taken a different route. Now, the same is true of the Coastal Crawl and (what I have affectionately dubbed "Walker's Folly") the Changing of the Guard. In each case, because the units do not take the same route of moving, do not move through each other, do not occupy each other's space. This, I think, is the true import and meaning of the term "space"--or at least, it could be treated as meaning this.

Hmm. That is pretty good. But I disagree. The rules state, "If two units are ordered each to the space the other occupies, neither may move." Realistically speaking, your interpretation is correct. But, unfortunately, this definition is not written into the rules, and is at best an inference. Furthermore, acceptance of it, as you point out, compels one to allow the Changing of the Guard. And I, for one, am unwilling to ever admit that the moves A Pie-Mar and F Mar-Pie do not constitute exchanging spaces, legally speaking.

In regards legalism in construction of the rules, I would like to quote from a letter from Jared Johnson in Graustark #115: "I agree with you ((Boardman)) on the idea of a strict construction of the rules. The main reason for this is simplicity. With a loose construction everyone will end up playing differently. Also, the game in itself, is simply not realistic enough (comparing it to an actual war) the way it is, to warrant a loose construction of the rules on the grounds that players should try to adapt situations that occur in the game to the way it might actually have been..."

Anyway, this is just one more example of the rules needing clarification, and I, for one, wish Allan Calhamer could be persuaded to make a few minor additions and clarifications to the rules.

Note to John McCallum: I guess I should be shot. (McCallum thinks that the principle that a convoyed attack comes from the last fleet in the convoy chain should be applied only for purposes of cutting support.) I don't agree with this at all. I think we should push the principle as far as we can to see if it is indeed consistent with the rest of the rules, because there is an alternate interpretation which certainly is.

Anyway, that's enough to get a lot of people excited. More next time. If those excited people write, that is.

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